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TO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA IMMEDIATE

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EXDIS, FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VIST: SCHEDULE

REF: BRASILIA 8022

1. WE HAVE REVIEWED THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE (REFTEL) WITH THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF AND THE NSC. FOLLOWING ARE OUR CONCLUSIONS ON WHICH WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A HALF-HOUR FREE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE TIME BETWEEN THE DEPARTURE FROM THE AIR BASE AND THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING WITH GEISEL. THIS WOULD MEAN STARTING THE GEISEL MEETING AT 1500 HOURS.

3. WE ARE NOT DISPOSED TO HAVE THE PRESIDENT MAKE A SPEECH BEFORE THE CONGRESS OR TO VISIT THE SUPREME FEDERAL TRIBUNAL. WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE THE TALK WITH GEISEL
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LAST FROM 1500 TO 1645 HOURS. THEN WOULD COME THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE TIME. IN EXPLAINING THIS PREFERENCE TO THE BRAZILIANS, THE EMBASSY COULD STATE THAT THE PRESIDENT WISHES TO HAVE AS MUCH TIME FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH GEISEL AS POSSIBLE.

4. WE WOULD PREFER TO HOLD THE PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER

THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE TIME, I.E. AT ABOUT 1945 HOURS.
THERE IS NO POINT IN HAVING THE CONFERENCE AT 0645 HOURS
THE NEXT DAY, SINCE THIS WOULD GIVE THE TRAVELING PRESS
NO TIME TO FILE THEIR STORIES BEFORE BOARDING THE AIR-
CRAFT FOR LAGOS.

5. WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO SET ASIDE SPECIFIC TIME FOR
MEETING WITH THE EMBASSY STAFF AND AMERICAN COMMUNITY.
OUR PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO HAVE THOSE GROUPS PRESENT
AT THE ARRIVAL AND/OR DEPARTURE CEREMONIES.

6. WE WOULD STRONGLY PREFER TO AVOID THE PRESIDENT'S
ATTENDING THE RECEPTION FOR CHIEFS OF MISSION ACCREDITED
TO BRAZIL. WHILE THIS MAY BE STANDARD PROCEDURE, IT
DOES NOT SEEM TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF THE PRESIDENT'S
TIME.

7. FINALLY, WE URGE THAT EMBASSY ATTEMPT TO HAVE THE
WORKING DINNER SCHEDULED FOR 2030 HOURS, I.E. IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE PRESS CONFERENCE. CHRISTOPHER

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